

OUT OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OFFERING NURSING PROGRAMS IN ALABAMA

Nursing Programs offered by out-of-state institutions are required to comply with Alabama law. Those who fail to register with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Alabama Department of Post-Secondary Education are not authorized to offer nursing programs or send students to Alabama for clinical activities. The Alabama Board of Nursing does not regulate post-licensure programs but ACHE and DPE require a statement from the Board after a review of the request to offer the program(s). There are requirements to notify the Board of Nursing if you plan to offer clinical experiences in Alabama facilities. See rules below.

Programmatic review: Alabama Commission on Higher Education, www.ache.alabama.gov

Non-Resident Institutional Review

Under provisions of **Ala. Code** §16-5-10 (14) (1975), the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) has jurisdiction over non-resident institutions defined as postsecondary institutions or corporations offering educational programs in Alabama with main campuses or headquarters located outside the state.

Alabama is the only state within the United States where jurisdiction over private school licensure and programmatic review and approval of non-resident programs of higher education, postsecondary instruction, is divided between two (2) state agencies, the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and the Commission.

To facilitate these dual agency assignments of responsibility, a Memorandum of Agreement between the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and the Commission provided for the integration of programmatic review of non-resident institutions with the licensure process.

In addition, both the Commission and the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education serve as clearinghouses for information about private/proprietary institutions that offer their programs to Alabama residents.

Licensure: Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education: www.dpe.edu

Approval Process

In Alabama, approval to offer courses of instruction in residence, online, mail or otherwise involves a 2-step process with 2 separate agencies, 1) Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education (ADPE), and 2) Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE). To apply with ADPE for a Private School License, please refer to the [Guidelines for Policy to Obtain a Private School License](#) as well as the [online application](#). Required documents can be uploaded to the online application.

OUT OF STATE PROGRAMS CONDUCTING CLINICAL IN ALABAMA

ABN Administrative Code, 610-X-3-.04 Out of State Programs Conducting Clinical in Alabama

(1) A nursing education program based outside the state of Alabama that plans to provide students with clinical learning experiences in Alabama shall submit to the Board a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of the expected clinical learning experience:

(a) A letter of intent identifying the governing institution, the type of nursing education program, and the status of approval from accrediting bodies and state of origin. The letter shall include:

(i) Name of student, including license number if the student is licensed in Alabama.

(ii) Name and license number of the clinical supervisor. Clinical supervision shall meet the qualification set forth in this chapter

(iii) Name and location of the clinical facility and statement from Director of Nursing/Chief Nursing Officer of clinical facility regarding the availability of clinical learning experiences for in-state and out of state nursing students.

(iv) Learning outcomes expected of the student.

(v) Name and license number of the nursing faculty responsible for the evaluation and oversight of the student's clinical learning experience.

(2) The governing institution offering the nursing program shall be a postsecondary educational institution that is accredited by an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

(3) The nursing education program shall have full approval in the state of origin.

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